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Appointment of three members of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Note by the Secretary-General

1. On 31 January 2002, the Secretary-General sent a note verbale to all Member States informing them that the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed organizational session for 2002, would be called upon to appoint three members to serve on the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), when the term of office of three members expired on 30 June 2002. In the same note verbale, the Secretary-General requested Governments to submit the names and curricula vitae of candidates not later than 11 March 2002.

2. Under the provisions of the statute of the Institute, the Board of Trustees is composed of 11 members nominated by States and appointed by the Council, with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution. Members of the Board serve in their individual capacities for a term of three years from the date of appointment. They are eligible for reappointment by the Council for one further term. The current membership of the Board is given in annex I below.

3. At the 13th plenary meeting of its first regular session of 1983, the Council, on the proposal of the President, decided to maintain the existing de facto geographical balance of the Board without prejudice to any further decision the Council might wish to take with regard to the composition of the Board and the distribution of seats on it (see E/1983/SR.13). Accordingly, in order to maintain the existing geographical balance, the vacancies should be filled by the appointment of one member from each of the three regional groups concerned.

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4. The candidates listed below were nominated by their Governments in response to the Secretary-General's note verbale of 31 January 2002. Biographical information on the candidates is contained in annex II below.

Asian States

Lulwa A. **Al-Misned** (Qatar)

Western European and other States

Ergül **Tunçbilek** (Turkey)

Annex I

Current membership of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

(11 members; three-year term)

	Term
Ms. Ana Maria Braga da Cruz (Portugal)*	1999-2002
Professor Hanan El-Malki (Syrian Arab Republic)*	1999-2002
Ms. Boutheina Gribaa (Tunisia)	2000-2003
Professor Tahmina Hussain (Bangladesh)	2000-2003
Ms. Juka Fatou Jabang (Gambia)	2001-2004
Ms. Antigoni Karali-Dimitriadi (Greece)	2000-2003
Ms. Jane Nambakire Mulemwa (Uganda)*	1999-2002
Ms. Norica Nicolai (Romania)	1997-2003
Ms. Pauline Sukhai (Guyana)	2000-2003
Ms. Cecilia Valcárcel Alcázar (Spain)	1998-2004
Ms. Gloria Valerín (Costa Rica)	2001-2004

* Retiring member.

Annex II

Biographical information on candidates for appointment to the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Lulwa A. Al-Misned (Qatar)

Economist. Since 1998, has served as Assistant Secretary-General of Industrial Projects for Gulf Organization for Industrial Consulting (GOIC). Taught at Qatar University for eight years in the Department of Economics, Faculty of Administrative Sciences and Economics. Has participated in a research project on the preparation of Qatar sustainable human resource development and served as an adviser to United Nations Development Programme Resident Representative on women's development. Author of numerous publications and conference papers covering topics such as: women in Qatar, labour participation, fertility behaviour, economics, and home production, among others. Active community member in various human resources initiatives and social development efforts, some of which are: Family Development Centre, Preparatory Committee of Women's Participation in Municipality Elections; Organizing Committee of the conference "Family Life and the Labour Market" (April 1997); and head of Advisory Committee on Women's Affairs (1997).

Ergül Tunçbilek (Turkey)

Chief of Genetics, Department of Paediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, Hacettepe University. Chairperson of Turkish National Commission for United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Bioethics Specialized Committee. Has conducted research on Turkish fertility and family health, mother and child health, and immunization campaigns, among other topics. Is a member of several societies including Turkish Paediatrics Association, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the European Association for Population Studies.